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REQUEST FORM FOR APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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APPLICATION: 041-1894D

Prior Application No.: 09/506,600

Prior Art Unit: 2122

Prior Examiner: A. Khatri

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Divisional Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No.

09/506,600, filed on 18 February 2000, entitled INFORMATION FILTERING METHOD AND

APPARATUS FOR PREFERENTIALLY TAKING OUT INFORMATION HAVING A HIGH

NECESSITY, by the following named inventors: Toshiki Kindo.

1. I hereby state that the enclosed application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application Serial No. 09/506,600
Oath or Declaration

a. Newly executed (original or copy)
b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
i. Deletion of inventor(s)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

2. Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference

3. Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

4. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.

5. Cancel claims 2 - 32.

6. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	6	MINUS 20	0	x \$18 =	\$.00
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3	0	x \$80 =	\$.00
Basic Application Fee					\$ 710.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00					\$.00
Total Application Fee					\$ 710.00
Subtract 1/2 if small entity					\$.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					\$ 710.00
AMOUNT PAID BY ACCOMPANYING FORM PTO 2038					\$ 710.00

7a. Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

7b. A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application and such status is still proper and desired.

8a. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

8b. Enclosed is Check No. _____ or Form PTO 2038 in the amount of \$710.00.

9. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This application is a Division of Application Serial No.09/506,600 filed February 18, 2000, which is a Division of Application Serial No. 08/707,565 filed September 4, 1996--

10. Priority of Application Serial No. 7-226172, filed on September 4, 1995 and Application Serial No. 8-031547, filed on February 20, 1996 in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority documents were filed in Serial No. 08/707,565 on October 22, 1996.

11. The prior applications are assigned of record to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.

12. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
Israel Gopstein, Registration No. 27,333 and others of the former firm of Lowe, Price, Leblanc & Becker

13. Also enclosed: 18 pages of drawings.

14. A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until ____.

15. Address all future communications to:

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Respectfully submitted,
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